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VOTE for Electric Lights.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS

Will Not Increase Our Town Tax Rate.

FIGURES THAT DO NOT LIE

BUT THEY DO GO TO PROVE THAT MIDDLETOWN CAN SAVE MONEY

And Reduce Her Taxes by Running an Electric Light Plant in Conjunction With the Water Works.

\$1000 A YEAR MAY BE SAVED

RESOLUTIONS FAVORING THE SCHEME PASSED BY A VOTE OF 30 TO 1.

The qualifications of Those Who May Vote on the Question Next Monday—Estimates for New Plants Presented—Secretary Letherbury Presents Some Figures Estimating the Profits.

On Monday next our citizens will be called upon to voice their sentiments at the polls on the question of bonding our indebtedness for the additional \$10,000, and it behooves every taxpayer in town to go to the polls and vote for electric lights.

The meeting of yesterday and a week ago were attended by the taxpayers in general, and the voices of both meetings were almost unanimously in favor of buying a plant and running it in conjunction with the water works.

The meeting yesterday was called to order by Dr. Vallandigham and after the minutes of the last one were read and adopted, the work of the committee appointed at the last meeting was presented through Chairman Comery. In his report Mr. Comery read the estimates from the Edison Electric Light Company and the Pennsylvania Electric Engineering Company.

The Edison estimate was as follows:

Steam Plant.
One 100 H.P. Return Tubular Boiler, full-rated, 15 ft. R. to the H.P. foundation and brickwork; freight and cartage, feed pump, injector, heater, steam piping, two 5000 high speed engines, full-rated, 15 ft. R. to the H.P. foundation, freight and cartage, set up complete, ready for operation, 30 days.

Electric Plant.
Four Edison dynamo, 270 1/2-candle lights capacity each, total 1080 1/2-candle power lights, freight and cartage, dynamo foundations, switch board, wiring station and starting plant, running same 30 days.

For building, pole line and incidentals, 30 days.

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The water works amount to about \$1900; the revenue, \$700, making a yearly deficiency of \$1200, for which a tax must be levied. Deduct from this the \$1000 saved by running the two plants together and there is left only \$200 to be raised by taxation.

In the above estimate of revenues \$4400 is put down to the credit of the electric light. From the best information we can get the present company collects about \$4200 and to this was added the very small allowance for new lights to be taken, of \$200. If the rates are reasonable there is no doubt that this increase would amount to at least \$500 or \$800 instead of \$200. Secretary Letherbury of the Board of Town Commissioners estimates that we can clear at least \$500.

In the above no calculation has been taken of the fact that the water works get no credit for supplying the fire plugs. Twenty-one fire plugs at \$25 per year would give an additional credit of \$525. This amount would be added to a private company, and due credit should be given for this in the above estimate.

The revenues of plants in other towns were taken into consideration; and it was shown that even on as small charges as made in Newark, the town estimates its monthly profits at \$100 or \$1200 a year. The rates charged there are:

For 3 lamps, \$1.50
" 5 " 2.00
" 10 " 2.50
" 15 " 2.87
" 20 " 3.12
" 25 " 3.37
" 30 " 3.62

These rates are less than one-half what is paid in Middletown, and augurs that should we reduce our rates to about these figures we would have increased applications for lights.

Newark has a population of at least 50,000 less than Middletown.

Dr. T. H. Gilpin President of the Town Board ratified Mr. Letherbury's statement, and gave some valuable information.

He was followed by S. M. Reynolds, who drew a comparison between the rates here and the rates charged in Newark.

W. A. Comery made a forcible address in favor of the lights and presented a series of resolutions for consideration and adoption, which we give in full as follows:

WHEREAS, The experience of towns that have established and run their own systems of water and light supplies, and

WHEREAS, The necessary authority has been given to bond this town for the sum of ten thousand dollars, provided the consent thereto of the tax payers first being had, and

WHEREAS, The Town Commissioners have been unable to obtain the lighting of the streets by electric lamps, except at such a cost as is not warranted, and the town is thus deprived of the police advantages of lighted streets, and the citizens of the comfort, safety and economy of the desirable lights afforded to other towns by the ownership of good electric systems, and

WHEREAS, The methods of street lighting formerly used in this town of kerosene and gasolene were not satisfactory and as costly as electricity, and

WHEREAS, It is stated that the cost of supplying water and light can be materially reduced by combining these supply agencies under one management and operation, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That it is the sense of this citizens meeting that the best interests of the town will be served by the issue of bonds not to exceed the amount authorized, and to appropriate that amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary to procure an electric system, that shall give street and domestic lights and be operated by and with the water supply system,

RESOLVED, That we commend this, our opinion to the consideration of the tax payers as the most satisfactory and reliable method of reducing the current expenses of this town and for retiring the bonded indebtedness at early date.

Their adoption was seconded, but President Vallandigham stated that they were open for discussion, whereupon Ex-Governor Biggs, who had hitherto been a silent listener to what had been going on, quietly arose and spoke in opposition to the bill.

He was replied to by S. M. Reynolds, after which a vote was taken and the resolutions passed by an almost unanimous vote, the recorded vote being 30 for and 1 against adoption.

At this juncture, a discussion arose as to the qualifications of voters, and it would not be amiss if those who have doubts on the question to carefully peruse the act of the legislature in reference to the lighting by electricity, and authorizing the bonding of our town in the sum of \$10,000, which act was passed May 14th, 1891, and is as follows:

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR LIGHTING THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN.

Section 1. That "The Town Commissioners of the Town of Middletown" shall have power and authority under and by virtue of ordinance to be passed by said commissioners, to borrow on the faith and credit of said town a sum of money not exceeding ten thousand dollars, and which shall be applied, as provided, to the purpose of lighting said town; said commissioners shall also have authority to issue bonds therefor, of such denominations as they shall deem best, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually the principal of such bonds shall be made payable at such time, or times, not less than ten, nor more than twenty years from the date thereof, and in such manner as shall be prescribed by said commissioners. The form of said bonds shall be prescribed by the president of the said "Town Commissioners" and the treasurer of said town, and shall be exempt from all taxation.

Section 2. That the treasurer of said town shall be authorized to receive and to disburse the proceeds of the bonds of said town, which proceeds shall be kept separate from the other funds of said town.

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acquire land for any purpose connected with the lighting said town, and such land cannot be acquired by agreement with the owner or owners thereof and the said commissioners, the same may be taken for the purpose aforesaid, in the name of the said town, in the same manner and subject to the same condition and proceedings as are now prescribed by law in relation to the said town of Middletown for condemning and taking land for the purpose of laying out, opening, extending or widening any street, road, square, lane, or alley in said town.

Section 4. That the town commissioners shall have authority to draw, from time to time upon the fund aforesaid, sufficient to meet the cost of such electric works, or gas works with their respective appurtenances, and the said commissioners and the treasurer shall keep a detailed account of the expenditures for the purpose aforesaid, and the commissioners shall, at the expiration of three months from the beginning of such expenditures, and again when the said work shall be fully completed, publish such account in the newspapers printed in Middletown.

Section 5. That the said commissioners shall have power and authority under this act, to purchase any electric plant and appurtenances already established, at a sum or price not exceeding ten thousand dollars, and make payment for the same from the fund aforesaid.

Section 6. That the commissioners aforesaid shall have authority to employ proper persons to operate said works so erected or purchased, and shall fix their compensation by ordinance, and in like manner shall fix the rent, or rents, which users of the lights or consumers of gas shall pay, and shall have all the powers to collect such rents as they now have to collect water rents.

Section 7. That for the preceding provisions of this act shall go into effect it shall be the duty of the said town commissioners to call a town meeting, upon one month's notice, and at such meeting the borrowing of the said sum of ten thousand dollars, as aforesaid, shall be approved by a majority of the votes cast thereat; every resident of said town, who shall have paid tax for the year in which such meeting is held, or for the preceding year, shall have the right to cast one vote for every dollar and every fractional part of a dollar of town tax aforesaid by him or her paid.

Section 8. That the electric light question has been the all-absorbing topic for several weeks, and the shutting down of the plant thus leaving our town in total darkness has awakened our citizens to the fact that they have lost something. And they have. For several nights, when the weather was gloomy, and the atmosphere so thick and murky that one could almost cut it with a cheese knife, it was unsafe to venture out after sundown. We knew not what danger might be lurking in the darkness as we slowly felt our way along the unlighted thoroughfares, running into trees and fences, or stumbling over a stone pool of water.

This was in a sense remedied a few nights ago by the introduction of about two dozen oil lamps, but their sickening glimmer cast but a very little light beyond their immediate positions.

To the housewife especially, has the shutting down of the plant been a dire distress. The ever-ready coal oil lamp has to be substituted for the incandescent lights with which so many of our homes are lighted. They will hail with delight on Tuesday next the news that our citizens have decided in favor of electric lights.

Middletown was one of the first towns on the Peninsula to adopt the electric system of lighting, and we do not propose to have it said that she shall be the first to degenerate and go back to the old system of oil lamps.

Under present existing circumstances we cannot invite manufacturers and capitalists to invest any money in our town as we do not furnish them any protection nor offer them any inducements to do so. They would not consent to have their taxes and insurance doubled on account of being obliged to use oil to light up with.

The duty of every tax payer and property owner in Middletown is plain, the property owner should have no hesitancy in making up his mind as to what he should do. He wants his property to enhance in value, not deteriorate, and as surely as he votes against increasing our indebtedness to acquire an electric system he stands in his own light and votes against his own best interests. A town that does not possess sufficient backbone and public spirit to invest \$10,000 in an electric light plant which promises an annual income of \$1,000 and more a year over and above its expenses, should not boast of its progressiveness.

Electric lights are an actual necessity and every true citizen should come out and vote for them.

Vote and work for electric lights.

A Week's Steep.

Gracie Thomas, a colored woman living on Washington street, Dover, has been peacefully slumbering for five days. Her comatose condition cannot be accounted for by her family or by Dr. T. O. Clements, the attending physician. She is about 30 years old. Last Thursday night she attended a "shindig," as the colored folks call it, or a "cane walk." The Gracie wound up in a general fight and Gracie was badly frightened. She returned home, went to bed and has ever since been constantly sleeping, when she is awakened and given nourishment. It takes considerable shaking and noise to arouse her. At these times she talks at random and soon goes off in her lengthy nap. The colored people are very suspicious about the affair and say that "somebody has dosed Gracie."

During the day the house is crowded by visitors desirous of getting a glimpse of the sleeping curiosity.

The Heptasophs.

J. H. Primrose, organizer of the Improved Order of Heptasophs was in town this week for the purpose of instituting a conclave.

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ST. VALENTINE'S DAY.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR SOCIETY PEOPLE TO CELEBRATE IT.

With a St. Valentine's Luncheon—The Patron Saint of Love—How He is Worshipped by Lads and Lassies—Why There are so Many Spinsters—The Spelling Bee—Fever—Society Notes of the Week—Weddings—Teas and Receptions.

Next Tuesday will be Valentine day, the day that for ages has been devoted especially to love making, incantations, charms, spells and the giving of love-tokens. A strange honor to pay to a celibate, a priest and a martyr, and why these rites should be celebrated in the name of a christian Bishop is an unsolved mystery. But somehow he is regarded as the patron Saint of lovers, and his name has a peculiar charm for youthful devotees. To penetrate the veil that hides the future is ever the fond desire of youth, and because this good Saint is supposed to reveal certain hidden secrets, he is, next to St. Nicholas, the most popular Saint that has been canonized. To forecast the future, and show youths and maidens their future mates, is one of his special missions. There is a charm about an early morning walk on Valentine day. The lad who, in the early dawn, before ever the sun peeps over the hills, is met by a fair maiden, may feel sure that she is who is to rule his destiny, for

"To see her was to love her, Love but her, love her."

It is presumable that the old Saint is right in that the right lad and the right maiden are at the right place at the right time, else they could not meet.

There are special dreams too, that haunt the rest of the fair maiden on this fateful night, and perchance, if the gods are indulgent, she may see the face of her future husband. The number of splinters though that bless the world, furnishes sufficient evidence to believe that there are many who only see their husbands in their dreams. Once in four years the privilege of becoming the wooer is granted the woman, and on Valentine's Day of woman's year—the year with 366 days—she may with propriety send her proposal, always and only "via Valentine route," and while she always has the privilege of saying "no," once in four years she may run the risk of being refused. This year has only 365 days, and those who failed to use former opportunities must wait till the peripetous time comes again.

Although fashion and custom make many changes, the sending of valentines on February 14th will continue to be practiced as long as love shall last. The old time fashion of lace paper and tiny abominations, has indeed been left behind, but the messages between lovers have surer and more eloquent bearers, and the dearest wish of the heart is often expressed in flowers; the beautiful carnation will even carry a kiss. Books, pictures, jewelry, tablets, sachets, are always in vogue for valentine presents; and love knots, cupids and bows and arrows will be found accompanying a greater variety of offerings this year than ever before.

A valentine luncheon or tea is not an unusual celebration of the day, and one that admits of a great deal of fine taste in decoration, entertainment and menu.

A Pointer for Hostesses.

Hostesses giving dinners should consider the effect on the complexion of the color selected. Beautiful as yellow is in candle-shades, dowers and embroidery, it needs toning to take away a certain brassy effect on the skin. Green also, should not be the color through which light passes directly on the women's faces. The popularity of violet and heliotrope feasts possibly lies in the fact that no shade is so softening and becoming in combination with gas and candle light.

A violet dinner has the table scarf lightly embroidered with the blossoms in natural colors, with napkins and doyleys similarly decorated. Bunches of violets in cut glass bowls stand irregularly about the board, and the candles in the branching candelabra of silver or china, are violet, shaded with violet shades. A few loose violets are in the finger bowls, and the ice is served in little urns of violet satin, whose covers are bunches of the flower. The tinting of the viands to carry out the color scheme of a feast is no longer considered good form.

Parties and Teas.

A pleasant card party was given by Miss Minnie Massey on Tuesday evening last, at her pretty home on Maple avenue in Chestertown, in honor of her guest, Miss Pascual, of Easton.

Mrs. T. F. Johnson will give a reception and card party on Tuesday evening, the 14th, at Heitsma Manor, near Smyrna, in honor of her sister, Mrs. Harry W. Jefferson, previous to the latter's departure for her future home in Memphis, Tenn.

Among our society people, nothing affords so much pleasure at the present time as little parties where spelling programs form a part of the evening's programme. There have been several such held during the week, and they have not only been enjoyable, but also interesting.

Miss Katie Price entertained a number of friends at her pretty home at Chesapeake City, on Wednesday evening of this week. A number of invitations were received by our society people, and we understand some of them accepted and enjoyed a very delightful evening.

Among other receptions in Chestertown during the week Captain Emory entertained Mr. and Mrs. Harris, their ushers and a few friends on Friday evening last. On Monday evening Richard Jones entertained; on Tuesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Joel R. Clements. The Misses Welch gave a whist party on Monday evening.

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Mrs. Wirt, wife of State Senator John S. Wirt, gave a reception Friday afternoon from 4 until 6 o'clock at her residence, on East Main street, Elkton. She was assisted in receiving by her sister, Mrs. James C. Morrow, of Wilmington; Miss Lee, of Baltimore; Mrs. Frank Whitney and Mrs. George B. Kerfoot. The refreshment table was presided over by Misses Elsie Tull, Eloise Walsley, Lucille Litzberg, Florence E. Torbert and Sarah Reese. The house was tastefully decorated with flowers.

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Weddings to Be.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Amanda Taylor to Mr. T. Edward Moore, in Preston M. E. Church, Thursday evening, 16 inst., at 7.30 o'clock.

Cards are out for the marriage of Arthur Middleton, of New York, and Miss Jennie Stephens, of Lewis, in the Episcopal Church, Lewes, the evening of St. Valentine.

Cards have been issued for the marriage of William S. Haman, of Dover, and Miss Carrie G. Beck, of Smyrna, in the M. E. Church, February 15th at 4.45 p. m. A reception will immediately follow the ceremony.

Cards are out for the marriage of J. Miller Thomas, publisher of the Peninsula Methodist, to Miss Sallie A. Tyler, formerly of Onancock, Va. The ceremony will be performed in Trinity M. E. Church, Philadelphia, on February 16th.

Cards are out announcing the marriage, on the 15th instant, of Miss Hannah Bradley and Mr. Robert C. Appleby. Mr. Appleby is connected with the Norrisville, Pa., steel works and has many warm friends in this city. The intended bride is a daughter of Mr. Waddington Bradley, of the City Steam Laundry, Wilmington.

Married in Chestertown.

Mr. William Bradford Cooper, cashier of the Second National Bank of Chestertown, and Miss Sallie E. Carroll were married at Christ Methodist Protestant Church, Chestertown, Thursday. There was a solid bank of plants and flowers in front of the altar and the church was crowded. The bridal couple entering the church were preceded by Miss Ethel Beckus, a pretty little girl, cousin of the bride, dressed in white silk, lace and ribbon with white to match, and carrying a basket filled with flowers. The bride wore a handsome tailor-made suit of broadcloth, hat and gloves to match, and carried Marchal Niel roses. The ushers were Robert W. Copper, cousin of the

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groom, of Pocomoke City; C. W. Wroth, Dr. H. L. Dodd and Fred G. Jellison. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. J. L. Greenfield, of the Methodist Protestant Church, assisted by Rev. J. W. Easley, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The presents were numerous and many of them magnificent.

Birthday Party.

A pleasant birthday party was given at the residence of Mr. Herman Massey near Massey's, on Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. Massey and his twin sister, Miss Minnie. Whist, euchre and other games were engaged, after which dancing was indulged in by many of those in attendance.

Refreshments were served and the guests united in congratulations and well wishes. Among those present were: Miss Anna Causey, Miss Lettie Budd, of Cecilton; Miss Linnette Ford, Earleville, Md.; Miss Page, of Virginia; Miss Nellie Cochran, Miss Mary Causey, Misses Agnes and Martha C. Lockwood, Miss Mary Parker, Easton, Md.; Miss Mary Wallace, Georgetown; John Rothwell, Harry Griffith, Mr. Roman, Earleville; Mr. Brown, Centreville; Mr. Penick, Media, Pa.; Hayward Wallace, Georgetown; and Will Lockwood.

Christening.

A few intimate friends, together with Rev. N. M. Browne and family, were invited to the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Biggs on Cass street, Saturday evening, the occasion being the christening of their little grandchild, infant daughter of George and May Janvier. Never did a wee maiden of six months deport herself in a more seemly manner, and never were young parents more radiantly happy, nor grandparents more thoroughly and justly pleased. Those who witnessed the scene will long remember it as one of the most beautiful ever looked upon. Little Nellie Rebecca is the child of many benedictions, and only the fairest prospects lie before her. After supper, which was elegant and abundant, the evening was spent in song and music and delightful social intercourse.

Sons of Delaware in New York.

Some time ago, a society was organized in New York City, the members of which are former residents of Delaware. They will hold their annual banquet on next Thursday, the 11th, and many distinguished Delawareans and also representatives from other states will be present. Among those who will make addresses are Senator Anthony Higgins, Senator Gray, ex-Secretary Bayard, and ex-Governor Biggs. The officers of the Delaware society are as follows: Edward B. Harper, President; Wm. E. Wilkins, first vice-president; H. E. Stapler, second vice-president; Edward D. Cahoon, secretary, and Reed Gordon treasurer.

Next Wednesday, being Ash Wednesday, services will be held in St. Anne's Church at 10.30 a. m. and 7 p. m. On Sundays at the usual hours. On Wednesdays at 3 p. m. On Fridays at 7 p. m. Sermons on Sunday mornings, on The Laddian Church; Our Sons; Our Daughters; Pleasure Sowing; The Christian Home; Fruitful Sowing, on Friday evening, addresses on the Church, its History; Government; Worship, &c. The services during Passion Week and Easter will be announced in due time.

The Norma Glee.

All who have ever heard this chorus of sweet singers naturally want to hear them again; and those who have not heard them will be glad of an opportunity to do so. They have sung before Middletown audiences on several occasions, and always to the delight and edification of their hearers. They will appear at the Opera House again on the 22nd for the benefit of Middletown Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., and we hope a full house will greet them.

After Matthews.

The Maryland farmers are incensed over the burning of barns by Matthews, and it will not be well for him to appear in that neighborhood. A subscription of \$150 was raised Tuesday for a reward to anyone who succeeded in catching him. Among those who are anxious to have the man arrested are R. S. Griffith, Andrew W. Woodhall, A. F. Huey, H. J. Grey, C. S. Hurlock and many others, and they have contributed accordingly.

A Distinguished Honor.

It has been rumored that one of the prominent young Republicans of Middletown has received the appointment by the outgoing administration as Minister to the court of Egypt, and he will leave to-day with his commission in his pocket for the Khedive's realms via Philadelphia. This is in return for his work in the late campaign.

Advertised Letters.

List of unclaimed letters at the Post Office, Middletown, Delaware, which can be had by saying they are advertised: Mr. Charles B. Lore, Jr., Mr. William Craig, care Joseph A. Hild, Mr. George Crisp, Mr. Ned Johnson, Mrs. Annie M. Brown, care Mr. Geo. Johnson, Miss Katie Hammond, Miss Hettie Benson.

Will Go to Ocean Grove.

Several of our enterprising ladies, having leased one of the most attractive cottages at Ocean Grove, are already making arrangements for the entertainment of their next summer's guests, and we are sure there will be no lack of creature comfort for those who stop at the "Delaware Villa."

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The annexation of contiguous territory was one of the first policies of this government, and since the independence of the colonies our boundaries have been enlarged until they extend in unbroken line from the Atlantic to the Pacific. But the annexation of distant territory while strongly favored by some, has been equally opposed by others; but the policy of the government has been and is emphatically opposed to any foreign power obtaining control of the island lying near our coasts, and the United States will not readily acquiesce to their purchase, conquest or annexation by any other nation. The recent revolution in Hawaii, the overthrow of the Queen, the establishment of provisional government, and their desire for annexation, appeal strongly to Americans. Hawaiian annexation is not a new question. In the administration of President Taylor the subject was agitated. Then both France and England were anxious to obtain possession of this "gem of the ocean," but the United States was the opposing power. John M. Clayton, who was our Secretary of State, very clearly defined our position at that time in his letter to our minister of foreign affairs, in which he said "we do not ourselves covet sovereignty over them (the Sandwich Islands) we would be content that they should remain under their present rulers, but we could not without indifference allow them to pass under control of any other power." And this is still our policy. The Hawaiian or Sandwich Islands are situated in the Pacific Ocean about 2000 miles west from southern California, and are rich in natural resources, and from a commercial and geographical standpoint annexation is inevitable. There is a strong sentiment in favor of it. Representatives of the revolutionary party are already in Washington to appeal to this government, but President Harrison will not give any decision until he also hears what the Hawaiian Queen's representative, who is now en route for Washington, has to say in the matter, and whether this Congress is able or not to effect the annexation, it is conceded that initiatory steps to that end are already taken. England's attitude to this question is of interest to us. Not that she desires to possess Hawaii, but that she rather objects to our having it. British tenure in the Western Hemisphere is becoming more and more uncertain, and it is probable that Hawaiian annexation would give an impulse to Canadian annexation which is also inevitable. Naturally England is not favorable to our enlarging our domains at her expense, and the international questions that arise at this point are full of interest.

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The attempt to make the Panama Canal investigation a star-chamber affair is not well received. The people want to know the whole true inwardness of this business and if it injures anybody's reputation, so much the worse for them.

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CLEAR THE WAY.

There's a change about to come,
Clear the way!
In the world of Fashion-dom,
So they say.
Skirts have been worn close and flat
But we'll have no more of that;
Oh, it's ermine they're at.
Clear the way!
Build the street cars good and wide,
Clear the way!
Even then the men outside
Have to stay;
And they'll make a dreadful fuss,
Just because within a bus
There is only room for us.
Clear the way!
Married men with wives to dress
(Bills to pay)
Are the picture of distress—
For they say
That it certainly will take
Just as much work to make
Dresses of the proper shape.
Clear the way!
Ruffles go from hem to waist,
Clear the way!
Just to suit the wearer's taste
For display.
Merchants wear a fustian grin,
Or the custom they will win
When the ermine comes in.
Clear the way!

An Arabian Steed.
A legal friend of mine is the proud
possessor of a full-blooded Arabian
steed. It is difficult to describe his
color. He looks as though he had been
left out-doors in fly time. He is very
much speckled, anyway.

In a spirit of maliciousness he tend-
ered me the use of his horse to make a
short trip in the country. With the
verdancy of a youth unaccustomed to
horses I accepted.

The next morning I set out on my
journey. The peculiarity of the horse's
gait excited remark as I passed through
the town. One fellow said he had a
gait on him like a country fence. The
first village I came to the natives
turned out and wanted to know how
soon the balance of the show would
arrive.

I jogged along on my journey until I
came to a hill. Then I didn't go any
more. My horse refused to move ex-
cept backward. I got out of the buggy
and spoke a few kind words to him and
advised him to come on. I started up
the hill, but my horse stood still, his
poetic Arabian soul seeming to be en-
raptured by the scenery. He rolled
his eyes in a way that excited my ner-
vous disposition. I took out my pocket
knife and cut a small tree. Then I
told the horse that I was a man of few
words; that I had business of impor-
tance to transact, and that he could best
subserve the peace by moving on.

I spoke to him in an impatient tone
of voice. I told him to get himself to-
gether and get a move on him or I
would proceed to peel some hide off his
Arabian frame.

Then I let the tree fall on him to let
him know that I meant business.
He replied by kicking the dashboard
off my new buggy, and backing the
vehicle down the side of a hill and
against a tree.

Then I proceeded to wear out the tree
on him. No go. I argued the question,
and then tried the tree again; I coaxed
him, petted him, hit him in the head
with a stone, called him a nice horse,
and kicked two of his ribs in. No go.
I finally unharnessed him and pulled
the buggy to the top of the hill. Then
I got the horse, and, strange to relate,
he walked to the top of the hill all by
himself.

I met a man on the road who told me
that the next time he talked to blind-
fold him and he would pull all right.
The next man told me to rub some dirt
in his mouth; a third told me to tie
his tail to the single tree, and a fourth
volunteered the information that if I
would tie a string to his ear he would
go all right. The next hill I came to
my horse stood up and began to admire
the scenery. I got out and blindfolded
him, tied his tail to the single tree,
fastened a string to his ear, rubbed
some dirt in his mouth, kicked him in
the region of his left lung and started
him up the hill.

Ten Dollars Reward.—A reward of
\$10 will be paid for information leading
to the recovery of a speckled Arabian
horse. When last seen he was headed
towards Alaska, and unless something
has happened to him, he is due at the
North Pole about 4 o'clock this morn-
ing.

My First Assignment.
When I was young and ambitious
and looked at life through the rose-
colored glasses of enthusiasm I yearned to
be a reporter on a daily newspaper.
When I got older and had tasted the
fruit of experience I was perfectly sat-
isfied to let some one else chase the
fleeting item through the gloaming,
while I ran a blue pencil through the
report until it looked like a new design
in wall paper.

My first assignment was a wedding.
The Hon. Tom Fossill was to be mar-
ried and I was sent to write the notice
of the wedding. When I returned the
city editor had gone home, accom-
panied by a headache. This is what
appeared the next day:

A TADDER TEAM.
"Hereafter the Hon. Thomas Fossill
will ride tandem with a danger signal
carrying the leading string. A widow
from Kansas filed a homestead claim
on him some time ago and proved up on
him yesterday before a justice of the
peace.
"Several of the most prominent citi-
zens, who had expected to be present,
sent their regrets, and owing to the
press of business they could not be pre-
sent. When a man has press work to
do, either in a newspaper office or par-
lor, he has no time to go see his bosom
friend down to one round.
"The first papers in the case were
issued by the clerk and recorded.
"Two and a half," said the clerk.
"That's more than my husbands
have been in the habit of paying," re-
plied the blushing soon-to-be bride.
"If anything should prevent this
plot from being consummated I will ex-
pect my money back," said Tom.
"I am not a Pacific Railroad Com-
pany," replied the clerk; "we give no re-
bates here."
"At the police court the proceedings
passed off with the smoothness and

celerity of a horse race. The judge had
been busy in the forenoon with a dog
case. It seems a dog fight had occurred
in a saloon, and one man had another
arrested for starting the fight. Every
15 minutes the Court, the principal and
the witnesses adjourned to the saloon
to get a better idea of just where the
fight started and the different positions
of the dogs during the battle. In the
afternoon, I regret to say, the Judge
was drunk, but as he belongs to the op-
posite political party this is not to be
wondered at, and the Daily Blowyour-
horn has no hesitation in saying that
he should be impeached.

"The judge opened an unabridged
dictionary and told the happy couple to
join hands and circle to the left. There
was a bright flash on the cheeks of
the bridegroom, but the tender emotion
that caused it came from the heart—a
genuine heart-flush.
When he had finished mumbling
something that sounded to me like a
partial defense of his decision in the
dog-fight he nodded, at the senior mem-
ber of the firm.
"She replied in a low tone:
"I do."
"Then he nodded at Fossill, who an-
swered promptly, 'Guilty.'
"Ten dollars and costs," replied his
Honor, and the beautiful wedding cere-
mony of the Justice Court was at end.
Nothing occurred to mar the occasion
except a bad break on the part of
Windy Bill, the Bride's brother, who
tried to pull a gun on a stranger.
The happy couple set sail for Fossill's
ranch in a prairie schooner yesterday
afternoon."

The next day I was threatened with
discharge, but old Fossill was so well
pleased with the notice that he bought
ten extra copies of the paper and I re-
tained my place.

SCISSORINGS.
A famous Judge came late to court,
One day in busy season,
Whereas his clerk in great surprise,
Inquired of him the reason.
"A child was born," his Honor said,
"And I'm the happy sire."
"An infant Judge?" "Oh, no," said he,
"As yet he's but acrier."

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blood, in green or small degrees, they
certainly mean to include you.

Young doctors have a hard time of
it, for it is when they are absolutely
without patients that they have need
for all patience possible.

Planters and farmers whose inter-
ests are so largely bound up in keep-
ing their horses and mules in condition
for the plow, the harrow and the
wagon, and whose teams are so fre-
quently thrown out of gear by colic
and trace galls, and by scratches,
sand cracks, &c., will surely stand in
their own light if they do not keep at
their stables a supply of salve in Oil.

"This is an extra slippery day," as
the small boy remarked after being
spanked five times between breakfast
and bed time.

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of Common cold, hay fever, influenza
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tant to their best girls.

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Miss Mattie McManis is visiting friends at State Road this week.

Malcolm Reynolds, although the fever has not left him is somewhat better.

Capt. W. E. Reynolds led a valuable sail ship to last Saturday afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Prettyman spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Wilmington.

Rev. Mr. Oates has recovered from his late illness, and the regular meetings of the church are being held as usual.

Thomas C. Reeves' sale, which is advertised for Feb. 24th will begin at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

The meeting of the W. C. T. U. which was to have been held last Monday night is postponed until next Monday evening, Feb. 12th.

Quite a number of our townsfolk have been to hear D. L. Moody. Each one returned filled with enthusiasm for the man and his work, and in their praise of his work.

The tug McCauley broke the cable telephone wire which crosses the canal just above the bridge on the Port Penn road. This break shut off Port Penn from the outside world, as far as that mode of communication is concerned.

Mr. Wharton, the brakeman on the Newark and Delaware City express, has been promoted. He is now at the school for conductors, and Mr. Ed Cole, of the accommodation, has been promoted to fill his place.

Mr. John Shunder, Jr., met with a painful accident last Monday morning while walking down Main street in front of N. G. Price's store, he fell and cut his forehead, causing quite a severe wound. He was carried home, and at late accounts is reported improving.

The firm of Von Gulin & Clark have been doing quite an extensive business this winter. They shipped this week three large, handsome incubators to Mexico. This winter they have both enlarged their quarters and force, and still the orders come in faster than they can be filled.

Those who were promoted from the fourth to the third division in the public school are: William Neff, William Wingate, John McCue, George McKee, Kate Thompson, Minnie Steele, Robert Davidson, Mable Hall, Ellwood Anderson, Lilly Hines. Those from second to first are: Harry Hall, Charles Bowen, Sol Fountain.

A dozen of the school girls from the First, Second and Third Departments of the Public School are practicing for a broom drill which will come off in connection with the festival, fair, etc., which has been announced for some time next month.

They practice four times a week, and their drill master reports excellent progress. Those who take part are as follows: Misses Mattie Price and Julia Brown, dresses, cream color; Stella Ferguson and Mary Morris, blue; Julia Laddler and Bertha Edwards, blue; Bertie Clark and Berenice Keane, pink; Nina Morris and Mary Reynolds, green; Helene Harris and Nora Ford, cream.

The steamers General Cadwalader and Josephine Thompson, are fast in the canal at Biddle's Point, about 21 miles from here. The tug Philadelphia came in from the canal a week ago and broke about 100 yards of ice for the Josephine—it took her 3 hours to do this—and returned next morning to Philadelphia in tow. Last Friday night the General Cadwalader came down and attempted the work that the tug Philadelphia had left. After 45 minutes work, having broken only about her length, Mr. Groves, the agent for the owners, ordered the engines stopped. Monday night the heavy tug McCauley, steamed in the locks and took up the work which had hitherto baffled both of the other vessels. She pounded away at the ice—which was from 10 to 13 inches thick—until Tuesday afternoon, working in all about 18 hours, and only broke up 25 miles of ice and two flocks of her wheel. She returned on Wednesday morning to Philadelphia disabled. The tug Wister, which started to break up the ice at the Chesapeake end of the canal, broke her back, just as she reached the railroad bridge. This leaves about 4 miles of the canal unbroken. No trouble like this has been experienced for many years, and it is only the local experts who seemed to understand what a job it would be to open the canal for traffic with such heavy ice wedged between its banks.

ST. GEORGE'S.
The Hickory Grove School Entertainment.
Mrs. A. N. Sutton entertained Elton friends on Wednesday.

Miss Ollie Paynter is visiting Wilmington friends.

Miss Mary Bennett is the guest of relatives in Wilmington.

Miss Lizzie Riley is visiting Miss Claren Barnett.

Harry Walton, of Philadelphia, is visiting the family of G. W. Simpson.

Clarence Craig has accepted a position in Wilmington.

T. B. Heisel was admitted to the Wilmington bar on Thursday.

Wallace Gillespie has severed his connection with E. W. Jester, and returned to Philadelphia.

A large number of farmers and others gathered in town on Friday to hear the case of Cleaver vs. Vandegrift. Mr. W. M. Byrne, of Wilmington, made a very eloquent appeal in behalf of the defendant, but the referees rendered a verdict in favor of Mr. Cleaver.

The sale of G. H. Houston was one of the largest ever held in this vicinity. It is estimated that there were from 1000 to 1200 people present, many of the buyers being from Wilmington. Some very satisfactory prices were realized.

Captain Reynolds, in the company of a few others, came up from Delaware City on Saturday. In attempting a second trip the yacht got beyond their control, and running into the canal capsize, breaking one of the runners and hurting one of the party quite severely. The yacht is quite a large affair and was formerly used on the Hudson river.

The entertainment given in Grange Hall on Wednesday evening, under the auspices of Hickory Grove Public School, was a very successful affair. The programme

consisted of select readings, dialogues, recitations, duets, quartettes, etc. The hall was crowded, all the standing room being taken. After the entertainment an excellent supper was held. A number of our young people took a prominent part in the programme, and acquitted themselves with a great deal of honor.

OUR DIVORCE LAWS.
Port Penners Think They Should Be More Stringent.

The proposition to make Reedy Island a quarantine station meets with little favor here.

What is greatly needed is some industry which will give employment all the year round. There is much enforced idleness and consequent poverty, while many of the best and most industrious seek work elsewhere.

The Debaters had a fine audience last night. Every seat in the school house being occupied. All seemed to follow the arguments and gave close attention. Some time was consumed in electing new officers according to strict parliamentary rules.

With much red tape President Simon Lord was bowed into office. Messrs Egan and Given elected secretaries, Franklin Brockson, treasurer. The question, "Resolved, that our divorce laws should be more stringent," was argued by Messrs. Asprill, Brockson and Griffin, on the affirmative, and Higgins and Willis on the negative.

Thomas Higgins related many amusing anecdotes which brought down the house. The decision was unanimous for the affirmative.

TOWNSEND TOPICS.
Little Items of Interest From Our Neighboring Town.

Mr. Joseph Clayton is out again.

Mr. Israel Pritchard is convalescent.

Rev. Mr. Fogle, of Queenstown, was in town Tuesday.

Presiding Elder Rev. Alfred Smith was in town Wednesday.

Michael Ryan, an old resident of Fridesboro, died on Monday.

The Ladies Aid met at the residence of Mrs. Joanna Lattomus on Tuesday evening.

D. B. Maloney was elected delegate to the District Epworth League meeting to be held in Middletown during Conference.

Our annual missionary meeting will be held next Sunday. Dr. D. Y. Dobbin, of Grace Church, Wilmington, is expected to preach both morning and evening.

Appointing circuit has succeeded in renting their parsonage at Blackbird, and also rented one in Smyrna for their preacher for the coming year.

The efficiency of our public schools is attracting attention. We have four pupils from Clayton who attend regularly, coming up on the train in the morning and returning in the evening.

Mr. F. H. Lattomus moved on Wednesday to his new home. Mr. Charles Wells moved into the house vacated by Mr. Lattomus. Mr. William Timmons, of Wilmington, will occupy the house vacated by Mr. Wells.

At a cabinet meeting of the Epworth League of this place the following persons were named as delegates to the Epworth League Convention to be held at Brooklyn in March. Ministerial—Rev. Alfred Smith, Avery and O'Brien. Lay—A. Vandever, Dr. Sudler and Richard Hodgson.

A BOARD OF HEALTH.
Steps Taken to Stamp Out Disease in Odessa.

Mrs. Carrie H. Appleton is visiting in Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Victor Lord spent several days of this week in Philadelphia.

Mrs. John Appleton is the guest of Mr. J. H. Hoffecker at Smyrna.

Mr. Leonard A. Rhodes spent Sunday with friends down the State.

Mrs. W. E. Tucker is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. Rhodes, at Chester, Pa.

Mr. George W. Polk was the guest of Mrs. Lillian Clark, at Smyrna, several days this week.

Miss Mabelle Lloyd has been spending the week with friends in Philadelphia and Wilmington.

A large number of persons from town have been attending the revival meetings at the M. E. Church in Middletown.

Messrs. Wesley Walker, Harrison Vandegrift and William Hovington, are attending this term of court at Wilmington as jurors.

Mr. George L. Townsend, Jr., and friend, Mr. Fred Choate, of Newark, spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Townsend.

The funeral of Mrs. Rebecca Smith, wife of John Smith, whose death occurred on Wednesday of last week, took place on Saturday last. The remains were interred in Drawers' cemetery.

The Odessa Loan Association will hold their annual meeting for the election of officers at the Academy on Monday evening, Feb. 27th; also at the same time, stock in the 20th series will be for sale.

The following members of Post No. 14, attended the thirteenth annual encampment of the G. A. R., held in Wilmington on Wednesday: Messrs. J. Y. Asprill, Harrison Vandegrift, C. R. Griffin, Wilson W. Walker and M. Gremminger.

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The Creamery Association.

The next meeting of the Peninsula Creamery Association will be held in Smyrna, Delaware, on Thursday, March 16th, and it is very likely that representatives will be present from every creamery on the Peninsula. At the meeting Luther S. Kuffman, Esq., one of the attorneys for National Dairyman's Protective Association, will make an address.

Sons of Delaware A-Coching.
The Sons of Delaware, in Philadelphia, will please accept our thanks for the neat little pamphlet containing a well written account of the Club's Tally-ho coaching trip through the State last June.